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**December 25, 2021**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**



**MUSIC/ALDORFER BRASS: *Joy to The World***

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

**Leader:** Developed in the 14th century, the word “dwell” became known as a “lingering” or “abiding.” It had connections to “in-habit”—another word developed at that time. After an Advent/Christmas season of focusing on housing the holy, how will we linger and abide in this habit of hospitality? What habits did you invite into your heart in this season that you desire to take with you into the new year? How might we sustain the dwelling places that feed, house, clothe those who need it most?

***Today we light the Christ Candle once again that illumines the Door of Welcome.  
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.  
May Christ’s Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.  
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.***

**The Hope of Christ be with you!  
And also with you!**

### **FIRST READING: TITUS 3:4-7**

**4**When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, **5**he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. **6**This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7**so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.  
**WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.**

**MUSIC/KWHS YOUTH: *O Come All Ye Faithful***

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-14**

**1**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was in the beginning with God. **3**All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4**in him was

life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**MEDITATION** Pastor Julie Rogness

**MUSIC/KWHS YOUTH:** *Silent Night*

**PRAYERS**

**BENEDICTION**

*May God's Door of Welcome  
swing open in your heart and in your life.  
May Christ's humble first dwelling  
remind you of the plenty you already know.  
And may the Spirit lead you into  
more possibility and hospitality than you can imagine,  
making room in The Inn for all.  
May it be so for you.  
May it be so for us.  
May it be so for this church.  
AMEN.*

**POSTLUDE - MUSIC/ALDORFER BRASS**

*JOY* to the  
world  
the *LORD*  
has come

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

HOPE-PEACE-LOVE-JOY

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